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U.S. G.O. Embassy WARSAW

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ACTION: SECSTATE WASHDC

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REF: (a) Deptel 24603, (b) Warsaw 439

SUBJ: Warsaw TALK: Prisoners

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Reviewed by: Elijah Yelliv Jr

Date: 4-16-88

Before delivering prisoner letter to CPR Embassy, we

Recommend: (a) adding phrase to para relating to
Lt. Dunn at end of first sentence. QUOTE...request
for information (add) as to whether Lt. Dunn is alive
or dead. END QUOTE. (b) in penultimate para, change
QUOTE prisoners END QUOTE to QUOTE individuals END QUOTE
in first sentence. (c) drop last para completely.

2. Remainder of letter would be left unchanged and we
would recommend against inclusion of any reference to
135th meeting.

3. Believe we should not RPT not include any reference
to individuals involved in HK yacht incident in present
letter. We are not in position make recommendations on
yacht incident from all angles but believe it may be

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preferable at present time to avoid handling this problem through Warsaw and focus on seeking intercession by other involved Govts for release of boats and all passengers. By raising yacht incident here we may emphasize US aspect and intensify political overtones of problem while other channels still remain open for low-key handling of incident. If other nationals involved in yacht incident released and US citizens continue be held by Peking, we will naturally have to consider approaching ChiComs here as well.

4. We would anticipate that call on Chinese Embassy would become known to press locally, and do not consider this undesirable.

5. When asked purpose of call, we would answer that ~~purpose~~ concerning letter ~~concerning~~ US prisoners and missing persons in China was delivered. In response to questions concerning other matters discussed we would offer no further comment. Should we be asked whether we discussed question of Americans aboard yachts detained by Chinese, we would acknowledge they not included in letter we delivered

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and refer to Dept for further comment.

6. Regarding further handling Chicom action on Ambassadorial talks, we suggest that emphasis be placed on Chinese phrase "current atmosphere" not "suitable" for talks and avoid stressing Chinese "cancellation" of talks. While we have no doubt Chinese intent to cancel 135th meeting, we should avoid giving appearance at this time this may be more than a postponement.

7. If Kreisberg and Anderson call on Chinese Embassy on Feb. 20 or later, approach in para 1 (a) ref (b) would obviously be dropped.

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